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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Charles W. Hewitt  
APPLICATION NO.: 09/903,381  
FILED: July 11, 2001  
FOR: **CONTROL SAMPLES FOR USE AS STANDARDS  
FOR EVALUATING APOPTOSIS IN A SELECTED  
TISSUE**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 27, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which began on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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